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Letter dated 11 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I refer to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations, dated 10 May 2012, which contains unfounded allegations about the seizure of the cargo ship *Lutfullah II* by the Lebanese naval forces.

As is well known, the Sierra Leone-registered *Lutfullah II* was intercepted on 27 April 2012 by the Lebanese navy, on route to the Port of Tripoli (Lebanon). The last port of call of *Lutfullah II* was Port Alexandria (Egypt). The ship neither docked at any Turkish port nor has any affiliation with Turkey in terms of its registration or operator.

Regardless of these facts, the above-mentioned letter accuses Turkey of cooperating with Libya and other States to send weapons into Syria.

Turkey strongly rejects the unfounded allegations mentioned in the said letter. Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to register our firm position regarding this matter.

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ertuğrul **Apakan**
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